

National City Christian Church

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

Prelude

Allegro in C Major
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Felix Mendelssohn-Barthold

Welcome and Announcements

Beverly J. Goines

Opening Hymn

On Pentecost They Gathered

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On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise.

Pastoral Prayer (followed by The Lord's Prayer in Unison)

Steven Baines

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Steven Baines

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they

shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hymn

Revive Us Again

REVIVE US AGAIN

We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,
for Jesus who died and is now gone above.

Refrain

Hallelujah! thine the glory; Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah! thine the glory; revive us again.

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain.

refrain

Revive us again: fill each heart with thy love;
may each soul be rekindled with fire from above.

refrain

Text: William P. Mackey. Music: John J. Husband

Sermon

Empowered to Act

Beverly J. Goines

Hymn of Reflection

Anointing

Donn C. Thomas

Anointing fall on me. Anointing fall on me.
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me.
Anointing fall on me.

Invitation to Holy Communion and Words of Institution

Sharon Stanley-Rea

If you have bread and juice to use at your home, we invite all to participate in Holy Communion
after the minister offers Words of Institution and Prayer for the Elements.

Graduation Litany

Sharon Stanley-Rea

Leader: We are gathered together to celebrate the accomplishments of graduates from our faith
family.

**All: On this Pentecost day, we offer Spirit blessings for the recent achievements of each
graduate, and for your many more achievements still ahead.**

Leader: Amid many challenges, another important part of each of your journeys is now complete.

**All: May the Spirit's wind continue to accompany you to unimaginable places, and to be
encouraging breath at your back into next journeys to come!**

Leader: As your faith family, we offer our hearts full of good will and love as you step forward to
offer your gifts in new ways to the world.

**All: We express gratefulness for the laughter and partnership you have shared with us,
and for the inspiration your successes provide to us all.**

Leader: In your chapters to come, may the Holy Spirit imbue you with strength and determination
for new relationships that sustain your faith.

**All: And may you know that we send you forward with our support and prayers. May the
rewards of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the breath and power of the Holy
Spirit shine through and guide you in every day ahead.**

Hymn of Going Forth

Pentecost Hymn

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Your promise is given in wind and in flame, with lives now ignited to burn in your name.
Now loving, now holy, now bold in the truth, your body, your people are one, Lord, in you.

We praise you, our Father, the Fountain of Life, for comfort and challenge, for purpose and light. In love we will share all the gifts you provide that all may be blessed and our Lord glorified.

Your challenge is sounding, our calling is clear; to live out a gospel the needy can hear. Lord, help us to go till all people have heard, and touch ev'ry life with the love of the Lord.

Text: Ken Bible Music: Welsh hymn tune

Benediction

Beverly J. Goines

Postlude

Rigaudon
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Andre Campre

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All the Best Wishes to Our Graduates:

Catherine Campbell-Morrison from Yale Divinity School

Kathryn Farley from the George Washington University's Elliot School of International Affairs

Lauren He from BASIS DC Public Charter School

Dominic Neal from Howard High School

Erin Stewart from Fairmont State University

Daily Prayer: Gracious and loving God, may I re-experience Pentecost every day to remember that I am empowered to do the work Jesus has called me to do.

In Sympathy: We express our condolences to Alexis Taylor in the passing of her mother, Gloria Taylor, on this past Wednesday, May 27. We hold Alexis and her family in our thoughts and prayers."

Prayers for Our Church Family

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd; Lucas Lund; Alta Mainer; Drusilla McCain; Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Kathleen Swihart; Esther Tyson; Peggy Washington; John Foster Woods; and all medical personnel around the world.

Capital Area Prayer Calendar

Hospital, Military, and Institutional Chaplains,
and Clergy serving as professors and in non-profit settings

Global Ministries Prayer Calendar

Anne Gregory in Thailand

Message from Your Pastors

UPDATE: While Mayor Bowser has said D.C. can begin Phase One of reopening, we turn your attention to Alan Williams' letter in the June Newsletter regarding National City's resumption of in-person worship services. National City continues to pray for all citizens of our community. We will continue to update you as soon as further decisions are made regarding our church facilities.

During these unprecedented times as the world responds to the coronavirus pandemic, we urge our members to stay connected with one another.

One way to stay connected with your National City family is to join our Saturday morning prayer call at 8 a.m. (712-775-7031; code 371015).

Please remember the vital ministries of our church by giving of our tithes and offerings on tithe.ly. Checks are being received in the mail and deposited weekly. Stay healthy, pray without ceasing, and remember, God is faithful.

Rev. Steven Baines, Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines

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<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

<https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>
